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Entire stretch of footpath on 1st Cross, Domlur Layout blocked with flower pots, saplings, debris, abandoned vehicles...

PATHÉTIQUE

'Elected representatives not allowing BBMP engineer to clear encroachments'

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Footpaths are meant for pedestrians and expected to be pedestrian friendly at the least. However, some of the residents at Domlur Layout do not want the footpaths to serve the purpose for which they are constructed by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

If the number of plants, saplings, and flower pots put up on the footpath on the 1st Cross of Domlur Layout are any indication, the residents do not want the hapless pedestrians to use the footpaths.

With most of the footpaths blocked by flower pots and saplings, pedestrians are compelled to walk on the road. Though no major accident has occurred till date, it is not advisable for pedestrians to

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“Some people brought this vehicle and dumped it here more than a month ago... Is it not the responsibility of BBMP to keep the place clean?”

— Munna, homemaker

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Mobility dilemma

Last-mile disconnect over feeder service



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Civic disarray

BWSSB-BBMP disharmony causes chaos





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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Clowning it



Healthcare clowning is a form of expressive therapy that uses the skills and techniques of professional clowns to support and comfort patients in healthcare and reduce anxiety and stress. Actors' Conservatory along with artiste Igor Narvoski from Latvia have

announced a 2-month course in Bengaluru. After the course, the community will continue to get support on professional growth assistance, partnerships and mentorship, so they can continue engaging with hospitals on a long term. When: February 10 onwards; Info: 9900589230



02 Shop till you drop

AvadoreHaute Couture is showing their signature understated elegance in a one-day exhibition. Shoppers, if you've been planning to upgrade your wardrobe, now is your chance.

Where: Raintree, Sankey Road
When: February 1, 10:30 am – 7 pm

03 Poetry for the soul



Catch "Raqs- The Dance of Passion", a poetry reading by Shaista Yacoob. Raqs is a collection of poems rich in imagery and blatantly expressive of love in

all its glory and pain. The book takes you on a journey of self-awareness, passion and an ascent towards divine love. These poems bring together the divine and human, the mystical and real creating a tapestry of poetic images.

Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar
When: February 3, 5:30 pm; Info: 9632510126

Learning is a costly biz

Schools send circulars to parents about a fee hike for next academic year

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Many schools in Bengaluru are all set to hike their fees for the next academic year and the increase may be in the range of 8 to 25 per cent. Some of the schools have already started sending circulars to parents about the move.

Anupama R, a parent said, "I received a circular on Tuesday stating that the school fee has been hiked by 10 per cent. We have no option but to cough up but it is surprising that the State Government has no role in curbing the hike. While many of us are losing jobs due to layoffs, the increase in fees is definitely a shocker."

But school associations have a different story to tell. "Many schools are planning to hike the school fee by 15 per cent for the next academic year. The hike is inevitable due to rising costs. Moreover, we need to increase the teachers' salary," said a school principal, adding that a higher pay for teachers will increase the burden on school management and hence the hike is imminent.

Another school principal said, "Currently, there is a severe shortage of trained teachers. There is a proposal by the police and the government to advance the school timing by 8.30 am. This means, we are forced to provide transport facilities to teachers and the extra burden has to be borne by us. For example, a teacher coming from Jayanagar to Yeswanthpur has to leave her home early now because of the early timing. In this case, if we don't provide transport, then

many teachers may not opt for jobs in the school as there is already a great demand for them."

A school principal argued that they increased the fees by 20 per cent this academic year to maintain the infrastructure and other amenities of the school. She said that it was very minimal. Though other schools increase fees every year, they increased it every two years. A fee hike depends on the expenditures made by the school. The tax rates are also high and the maintenance cost is high these days, she added.

Travelling also becomes costly

Travelling to school may also become a costly affair as a few schools have decided to hike the transportation fee for the next academic year as well.

"Unlike transport companies

We need to increase the salaries of teachers
— a school principal

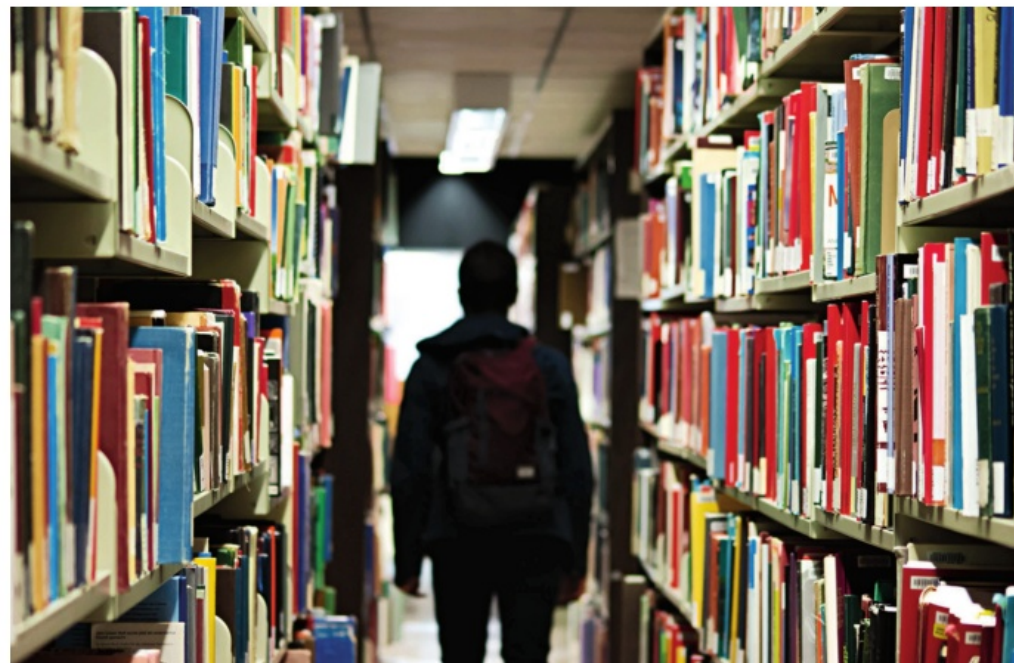
which hike the bus fares with subsequent hike in fuel prices, we cannot do so every now and then. Though we did not pass the fuel expenses to parents till now, we have no option but to hike the school bus prices as the fuel prices keep fluctuating," said a school principal.

Many city schools which operate buses are likely to hike the fare by 5 per cent to 20 per cent. A representative of the school management said, "The driver's salaries too have increased proportionately. With frequent raids by the Regional Transport Office (RTO), many of the schools have actually stopped overloading of kids in the school buses.

With this, the number of kids travelling in a single bus has reduced and the fuel burden has increased. Hence, we have no option but to hike the bus fares." It is not just the bus or van facility, even the autos which carry school kids have decided to hike the fee.

Meanwhile, the Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka have submitted a memorandum to the government stating that Karnataka should constitute State School Standards Authority (SSSA) by providing representation to the state level stakeholders.

"Unauthorised CBSE, ICSE and unregistered chain of nursery schools should be shut down. The RTE reimbursements should be increased based on the child's expenditure as well," said an official.



Folks, Kannada Habba is here!

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The first edition of VK Kannada Habba organised by Vijay Karnataka (sister concern of Bangalore Mirror) in association with Bengaluru City University will be held at its campus on February 4 and 5.

The logo for the event was launched by celebrities recently. During the launch, film director Nagathihalli Chandrashekhara said there should be regular events to promote Kannada's rich tradition.

Kannada Sahitya Parishat president Mahesh Joshi said, "There is a special place for Kan-

nada culture and literature and I am happy that VK is organising this event." Actress Tara Anuradha said she was happy that Kannada Habba encompasses a number of programmes including promotion of rural sports, dance and music.

Bengaluru City University vice-chancellor Prof Lingaraja Gandhi said, "It is a matter of prestige that the event is being conducted at the 160-year-old college campus."

Tughlaq on Feb 4

Nataranga team will present Tughlaq play as part of Kannada Habba on February 4. This has been written by Jnanpith awardee Girish Karnad and directed by CR Simha. Simha's son Rutwik

To register

Many celebrities including actor-director Rishab Shetty will be part of the event, which will also feature music director Vasuki Vaibhav and singer Naveen Sajju's shows. Artist Badal Nanjundaswamy will conduct painting classes for kids. There is a fancy dress competition for kids on February 5. People can also taste diverse food from Malnad, coastal, north and southern Karnataka cuisines. Entry for Kannada Habba is free.

To register: WhatsApp your name, address and contact number to 7676668588.

Simha will be presenting the play on the first day of Kannada Hab-



ba. Rutwik said that the Tughlaq had created a new wave in the Kannada theatre. On February 5, Prabhat Arts International team will present Kathashastra, which will use 3D animation effects.

Construction that's injurious to safety

Residents of Fraser Town on tenterhooks over community hall being built by Palike; they say no safety protocols being followed



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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) construction of a community hall near Bharathi Nagar police station, Fraser Town, has raised concerns about the safety measures being followed. Residents fear that the construction being followed poses a great risk to children in the vicinity.

Adjacent to Bharathi Nagar police station, BBMP is constructing a new community hall. The two floors along with the basement community hall are being constructed for Rs 3.5 crore. The 18-year-old dilapidated community hall building was demolished and is in the process of building the basement. Residents say that small children are at risk.

Around the under-construction site, there is a steel reinforcement bar poking out and with no barrier, it also poses a risk of getting grievously injured or of falling into the basement structure. In such cases, citizens could get seriously injured especially at night. There are at least seven - eight houses that are being heavily impacted.

Mukhtar Sait, a resident of Pettigrew Street, said that work started two months ago and no safety measures are being followed. "Ideally, while constructing, barricades should be put all around. But here instead, it's open on all sides. There is an Islamic school in the area which sees huge footfalls for children in the evening. There is no measure to stop the children from peeping into the construction site and running a risk of slipping inside. People who stay right opposite the site have

been complaining of stagnating water," added Sait.

He added that during the construction, the water pipes were damaged and there was infrequent water supply now.

During the construction, a portion of the road caved in and has not been filled with properly allege residents. "For two months now, we are struggling to move in the stretch as the road is closed. It's still hollow from the inside. Any heavy vehicle passage could cave inside. The road needs to be fixed immediately," added Sait.

Another resident, Imran, said that in the current state, it wasn't safe to walk on the road. "We want BBMP to fill up the road immediately. While digging for the construction, the soil started giv-

Barricades should be put all around. But it's open on all sides

— Mukhtar Sait,
resident of Pettigrew Street

ing away and added to the mess. Additionally, there might be a disturbance for residents from the community hall."

However, BBMP officials said that the road will be asphalted within 15 days and the work will be wrapped up within two months.

"The area will be barricaded after completing the ground-work. We have blocked the road right now for the safety of the citizens. There is excess groundwater due to which, there is loose soil and work has become slightly difficult. There are around seven - eight residents, and we have informed them. Within one month, the area will be cleared," said a BBMP official.

Home guard detained for extortion

The city police have detained a house guard who works for the BBMP after a woman tweeted that the home guard had extorted money from her.

According to the woman Arsha Latif, on January 29, she and a male friend were sitting at Kundalahalli lake when a khaki-clad man approached the couple, took their picture, and harassed them by saying they didn't have authorisation to sit there.

They were questioned about their occupations, hometowns, and reasons for visiting the lake.

He claimed they were smoking, and after taking Rs 1,000 through a mobile payment app, he finally let them leave, tweeted Latif.

Manjunath Reddy V, a 47-year-old home guard for the ITI Colony unit, has been detained for allegedly extorting money from Latif and her friend under the pretence of being a police officer.

Whitefield's deputy police commissioner, S Girish, said, "Reddy has been detained, and is being questioned. He is not employed by the police force."

— BMB

Bus driver tries to kill himself

A bus driver allegedly being harassed by a senior tried to end his life by drinking poison. The driver has been identified as Srinivas, and the incident took place in BMTC Unit 37, Kengeri depot.

"For the last four years I have been working as a driver in BMTC Unit 37 Kengeri without ever being absent from work. Working with honesty and integrity in my work. However, despite coming to work every day on time, ATS Komal is not marking me present and is harassing me," read his suicide note.

According to the police, other staff members saw him consuming poison and immediately admitted him to the hospital. He is being treated at Rajarajeshwari Hospital.

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A last-mile disconnect

BMTC mulls discontinuing feeder bus service between Cubbon Park, Vasanth Nagar

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The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) is contemplating discontinuing the metro feeder service between Cubbon Park and Vasanth Nagar owing to dismal patronage. According to BMTC officials, a report on the ridership and revenue of the service over the last three months has been prepared and a decision will be taken based on the findings of the report.

The corporation says it is staring at revenue loss on the route as there are very few takers even after three months of starting and publicising the service.

"The number of commuters availing of the feeder bus service has been very low since day one. We have prepared a report on the number of commuters on this route and have submitted it to the higher authorities. A decision will be taken based on the finding of the report," said a BMTC official.

The service on the route was started on November 2, 2022, under which the Cubbon Park metro passengers had feeder buses plying every 15-20 minutes to and from Vasanth Nagar. BMTC had introduced two 31-seater MIDI buses that were covering areas such as Cunningham Road, Miller Tank Bund Road, Thimmaiah Road, Palace Road, Ali Asker Road, and St Anne's School in Vasanth Nagar. They were making 40 trips a day.



File photo of a BMTC bus driver at work; BMTC said that they could shut down the feeder bus service due to revenue loss, low ridership

Findings of the report show that the buses have been receiving only a handful of passengers during certain times of the day that match the timings of an educational institution in the Vasanth Nagar area.

"The service is being used from 7:30 am to 9 am, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm, and 5 pm to 6 pm. Other than that, the buses are almost empty.

The service is mostly used by students at Mount Carmel College. According to our findings, both the number of passengers traveling and the amount collected as revenue have been discouraging. This after it was publicised widely during and post-launch," said the official.

The feeder bus service was introduced by BMTC to provide first and

“Reducing the frequency will further discourage people from using the service. The focus should be on making the buses reliable

– Rajkumar Dugar, Citizen for Citizen

last-mile connectivity to metro commuters after long-standing demand from residents and businesses in the area.

Public mobility proponents say while we need more feeder services for last-mile connectivity to promote public transport, withdrawing the service or reducing the frequency will be nothing less than taking many steps back.

"BMTC should take into account the people who go to offices as well. Reducing the frequency will further discourage people from using the service. The focus should be on improving the punctuality of the feeder buses and making them reliable. If the service is restricted to three hours in a day, it will only be used by MCC students," said Rajkumar Dugar, founder, Citizen for Citizen.

The service was launched with a route length of around 5.5 km and includes nine stops at places such as Alliance Francaise, Mount Carmel College, Cunningham Road, Karnataka State Billiards Association, and Shangri-La hotel. The ticket price for one round trip varies between Rs 5 and Rs 15, depending on the distance covered.

'Khata mela' could aid property buyers

BBMP to look into 2,194 applications for khata certificate, 3-day event in February

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Good news awaits property owners waiting to get khata certificates from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). The agency is geared up to organise a three-day 'khata mela' from February 3 to 5. "We are expecting to generate a revenue of Rs 120 to Rs 150 crore by disposing of the pending applications for khata certificates," said BBMP Special Commissioner (Finance) Jayaram Raipura.

The BBMP has made arrangements to organise the revenue mela at all its zones and revenue offices situated in Vijayanagar, Padmanabhanagar, Chickpet, Basavanagudi,

Jayanagar, and BTM Layout.

"Mahadevapura zone leads the list in number of applications pending for khata certificates with 459 applications," said Raipura.

The BBMP revenue inspectors will reportedly visit apartment complexes to encourage flat owners to avail the benefit of the event. The agency is yet to check 389 applications for khata certificates in the east zone, 326 applications in the east zone, 317 in the south zone, 302 in RR Nagar, 302 in Yelahanka, 125 in Bommanahalli, and 124 in Dasarahalli. There are 2,194 applications pending.

Many property owners who are running from pillar to post to get their khata registered or transferred have welcomed the initiative.

Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar from Karnataka Home Buyers Forum Sanchalak said that the BBMP conducting the program was a very good initiative and would help a lot of home buyers. It would also aid BBMP for property tax collection.

"I hope the BBMP will also do khata transfer of the apartment project land to apartment owners by doing a proper khata bifurcation/



mutation according to undivided share of interest that each flat owner has received from builders/landowners through transfer of property during registration of sale deed," said Padmanabhachar.

He said that flat owners in Karnataka are deprived of land rights as BBMP or BDA are not taking action to protect their interest. "Recently, OC was cancelled by BBMP for Sobha City. What happens to home buyers who have khata already? BBMP needs to streamline property management in Bengaluru," he added.

Namma Bengaluru Foundation general manager Vinod Jacob said that citizens have a tough time procuring their khata as they face harassment from some officials. The program will help them get their khata without any problem, he said.

He also said that the mela was a win-win situation both for citizens and the Palike. "In the course of the mela, it will bring assets under property tax jurisdiction and there will be more property tax collection. Citizens who have not paid taxes for years should be issued notices," he said.

“Mahadevapura zone leads the list in number of applications pending for khata certificates with 459 applications

– Jayaram Raipura, BBMP Special Commissioner (Finance)

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Double the trouble

Austin Town



Double parking is causing inconvenience at the entrance of 5th Square Road, Austin Town.

Shops in trouble

Kalasipalyam



There has been no progress in road work at Kalasipalyam Main Road, troubling shopkeepers.

Dig chaos throws traffic off-gear

Road cutting work by BWSSB without prior permission from BBMP causes chaos near Ramaiah Reddy Layout



Vehicles were stuck in a traffic jam for a long time on Tuesday



The condition of the road near Ramaiah Reddy Colony on Vignana Nagar-Basavanagar Main Road

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In October 2020, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara (BBMP) announced a penalty of Rs 25 lakh on private and government agencies and Rs 10 lakh on individuals for digging roads without permission.

Thousands of motorists, including over 50 school buses, were compelled to wait for more than 30 minutes on Vignana Nagar-Basavanagar Main Road due to road work near Ramaiah Reddy Layout on Tuesday. The work was for replacing an underground drainage pipe to prevent contamination of Cauvery water. Many school bus drivers were tense as they were not sure

when the road would be clear.

"I waited for around 30 minutes and was unsure about reaching the school on time," said one of them.

Hundreds of employees commuting on four-wheelers were the worst affected. They were seen honking in desperation and anguish. "I did not know when I would reach the school due to the traffic jam. There was no one to regulate the movement of vehicles. The Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) should have taken measures to complete digging and restoration of the road before 7 am," said a private school teacher.

Many meetings have been held among BBMP, BWSSB, traffic police, and BESCOM authorities about the need for coordination among themselves, but it has not proved to

“There was no one to regulate traffic. BWSSB should have restored the road before 7 am

— Teacher, private school

be a great success yet.

"Road digging was taken up as per the higher authorities' directive. I informed the BBMP engineer verbally about cutting the road. We replaced the UGD pipe after receiving complaints on water contamination in this area," said BWSSB assistant engineer Mohammed Mudassir.

When informed, BBMP assistant engineer Manjunath said the BWSSB engineer did not apply for permission. "This is not the first time the BWSSB engineers have engaged contractors to cut the road without permission. Recently, they engaged a contractor to cut Kaggadasapura Main Road. Now, they have done the same again without permission. I will lodge a complaint with jurisdictional police," he said.

Condemning the BWSSB engineer for not taking permission from the BBMP, Vignana Nagar ward former corporator S G Nagaraj said that it has become a habit for them. "As per the norms, the BWSSB engineer has to take permission from the BBMP engineer to cut the road for laying water or UGD pipes," he said.

Meanwhile, a HAL Traffic Police Inspector said that neither the BWSSB engineer nor the contractor informed traffic police about their plan. "We received information from the residents about the traffic jam on the road. We then sent a police constable to regulate the traffic," said the inspector.

BESCOM's new power move

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If a regular consumer fails to pay the bill on time, BESCOM disconnects the power. But what if the defaulter belongs to a government agency?

As many such agencies owe crores of rupees to BESCOM, the power supply company has now come up with an idea - to install smart prepaid meters.

A senior BESCOM official said, "We are owed dues from many public sector companies. However, we cannot disconnect the power as it will affect the public. We are planning to install prepaid meters under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS). It is like a prepaid mobile phone where you need to recharge if you want to continue usage."

One of the City's oldest hospitals, KC General, is in the dock for not paying BESCOM their dues. The company had issued a notice stating that the government hospital owed them Rs 38,422,539, which has been pending for many months, and if the hospital fails to pay up, BESCOM will be forced to disconnect their line.

An official from the hospital said, "The power bills are pending for the last five or more months. As it is a huge amount, we have sought grants from the Directorate of Medical Education, and once we receive the grants, we will settle the bill."

Many agencies are yet to clear their dues with the power supply company

According to BESCOM, the Centre has approved the RDSS to help DISCOMs improve financial sustainability.

This will be done by providing result-linked financial assistance to DISCOMs to strengthen supply infrastructure based on meeting pre-qualifying criteria.

"For Prepaid Smart metering, a grant of Rs 900 or 15 per cent of the cost per consumer meter (whichever is lower) will be available by the Centre. To incentivise states to fast-track installation of prepaid Smart Meters by December 2023, an additional incentive of 7.5 per cent of the cost per consumer meter or Rs. 450 (whichever is lower) will be made available. For works other than smart metering, maximum financial assistance given to DISCOMs will be 60 per cent of the approved cost," informed an official.

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Waylaid in Domlur Layout

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walk on the road. "Many building owners consider the footpath as their own. They are interested in keeping all types of flower pots and saplings on the footpath. It is quite shocking to see a few building owners planting saplings on the footpath. I complained to the BBMP ward engineer but nothing transpired," said a resident pleading anonymity.

The entire stretch of footpath on the 1st Cross of Domlur Layout is either blocked with flower pots and saplings or with debris and abandoned vehicles. Haphazard or illegal parking of vehicles is rampant on this road thus blocking half of the stretch.

"The elected representatives are not allowing the BBMP engineer to



clear the encroachments on the footpath because they do not want to antagonise the building owners due to the forthcoming state assembly elections. It is quite disgusting and shocking to see some educated and affluent people encroaching the footpath without any concern towards the pedestrians," said Shivakumar V of Aam Aadmi Party.

A stretch of the footpath is used to dump wooden logs and debris. An abandoned old vehicle was dumped on the footpath one month ago. "Some people brought this vehicle and dumped it here more than a month ago. Neither the traffic police nor the BBMP authorities take measures to remove it. Now, the footpath has become a destination for irresponsible and uncivilised people to attend nature's call. I have to shout at them to go away. How long can I shout at them? Is it not the responsibility of the BBMP to keep the place clean?" wondered Munna, a specially

abled homemaker.

Meanwhile, Jacob PJ, a building owner who put up flower pots and saplings in front of the building, said that he would remove the flower pots and saplings if anyone complains or finds it difficult to walk. "I put up the flower pots and saplings to beautify the place. I know that pedestrians cannot use the footpath in front of my house but I engaged people to remove the silt in the drain and no clogging was reported during the monsoon," said Jacob.

A resident, who also blocked the footpath for pedestrians, said that some of the footpaths are occupied by the street vendors.

"All over Domlur there are street vendors; shops have put things outside on 7th Cross. No one cares. People are complaining against us for planting plants!" said the resident, pleading anonymity. Meanwhile, BBMP assistant executive engineer was not available for comment.

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Basavanapura Lake: Back to square one?

Constant sewage flow has led to algal bloom changing water's colour, causing stench

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The residents living near Basavanapura Lake say that the recently rejuvenated lake has already started deteriorating. According to them, the lake emanates a stench, which makes it difficult for people to walk near it.

Raghavendra B Pachhapur, employee at ActionAid India told Bangalore Mirror that the lake was rejuvenated a year and half ago and it is already in a deplorable condition.

"There is a strong stench in the area and it is unbearable. The condition is so bad that people are not even able to walk around," he said.

Sewage water flows into the lake from its inlets. Therefore, it is important to study the inlets of the lake while working on it, he added.

"There are two main inlets in this lake and right in front of the inlets there are sewage openings. So, with rain-water, sewage also enters the lake. The authorities were supposed to make a suspension pond to prevent sewage from entering the lake but they have not made it yet," he explained.

Reportedly, one of the inlets is linked to drainage from a nearby village. Most of the villagers wash their clothes near the drainage. As a result, the water coming into the lake from the inlet is filled with detergent and other chemicals, which results in algal growth in the lake.

At present, Basavanapura Lake



The lake has reached algal bloom stage where the colour of water has changed to green. The walkway built is left incomplete



and further passes to Gottigere Lake. Currently, these linking streams are missing," he further added.

Some residents of the area also pointed out that there are no proper trees in the area.

"There are no proper trees planted in the area. Without trees how will the birds even come to the area? The quality of the work done by the authorities must not be of quality; otherwise the condition of the lake would not have deteriorated so soon," said Anand Ashok, a resident of the area.

Other residents added that there are wires on the lake premises.

“There are no proper trees in the area. Without trees how will the birds even come here?”

— Anand Ashok, a resident of the area

"There are electric poles with wires on the lake premises. This can be very dangerous for the people. Even the walkway built around the lake is not complete. Half of it is built with cement and half with mud. There are also no guards," said Naveen K, another resident.

Republic Day flower show draws 3.3 lakh visitors

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This year the Republic Day flower show garnered huge crowds with over 3,30,257 visitors coming to see the much awaited flower show that happens every year during Independence and Republic Day at Lalbagh. The Horticulture Department collected a whopping Rs 1.97 crore during the 10 day flower show, between January 20 and 30.

In 2020 and 2021, the shows were not conducted due to the pandemic. However, in 2022, the department hosted the Independence Day flower show and in 2023 the Republic Day flower show



was hosted.

Unlike the Independence Day which had over 9 lakh visitors, the Republic Day flower show saw a footfall of 3.3 lakh. However, this is by far the highest for a Republic Day flower show; as during pre pandemic times, the number of visitors was only between 1 to 2 lakhs.

According to the statistics released by the Horticulture Department, amongst the 3.3 lakh visi-

tors, the highest were adults with 2,24,782 people visiting the flower show between January 20 and January 30. This apart, over 25,174 children came to attend the show and 49,380 were school and college students with free entry. The total number of pass holders or volunteers were 30,291.

Dr Jagadeesh, Director of Horticulture Department said, "We got a good crowd this year and as the flower show theme was based on Bengaluru's history, many came forward to watch the show. Despite the footfall being lower than the Independence Day, we still fared higher than the previous years of the Republic Day flower show."



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1 What are consequences of impotence?

The consequences could range from simple to devastating.

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- **Psychological impact:** stress, depression, worthlessness, frustration, feeling unloved
- **Impact on wife/partner:** reduction in intimacy, decreased sexual desire, diminished sexual satisfaction.

2 Is Impotence an early sign of heart disease??

Impotence does not always indicate an underlying heart problem. But, many studies show that impotence may be an early sign of heart disease in some men.

- Studies have reported that impotence precedes heart disease in about two-thirds of cases, with the interval from impotence to heart symptoms being 2-3 years and a cardiovascular event (heart attack, stroke) 3-5 years, although longer time frames have been reported.
- Some experts believe the build-up of plaques in the blood vessels in the body (atherosclerosis) is a generalised process and not limited to one organ; this could be why erectile dysfunction precedes heart problems.
- Others believe that impotence preceding heart problems is more often due to the problem of the inner lining of the blood vessels (endothelium) and smooth muscle. This endothelial dysfunction causes inadequate blood supply to the heart and impaired blood flow to the penis, and aids in the development of atherosclerosis. —Prakash VL

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SANKEY FLYOVER

So many questions, but no answers from BBMP

Palike official at meeting to address citizens' concerns says 'submit it in writing'

How do you envisage overall traffic flow from Malleshwaram 18th cross to Cauvery junction once a flyover is constructed there? Did BBMP undertake any survey to identify the source and destination of vehicles that clog Bashyam Circle? Has the Palike looked at alternate solutions?

These were only some of the questions hurled at BS Prahalad, Chief Engineer (Road and Infrastructure), BBMP, on Tuesday evening as over 200 residents of Vyalikaval, Malleshwaram, and Sadashivanagar gathered for a public discussion with experts and officials on the proposed Sankey flyover project.

The meeting was organised by Citizens for Sankey to discuss the much-criticised Sankey Flyover plan.

While a visibly upset group of residents brought up some burning questions during the two-hour-long session, the BBMP official present at the meeting could only request them to submit their concerns in writing, as he was hard-pressed to find any concrete response.

"We have decided to construct the flyover as there is traffic congestion in the area. However, it is evident that the citizens have many questions regarding the construction of the flyover. I request the citizen to submit their concerns in writing and we will consider them," said Prahalad, admitting that the project will be reconsidered.

From questioning the BBMP official about alternative solutions to demanding to see any study conducted by the Palike on ways to improve traffic in the area, the gathering anyway continued to voice their concerns.



Citizens voice their concerns to BBMP official during Tuesday's meet

"We citizens had to ourselves organise a meeting to discuss this flyover project, as the government did not carry out a public consultation. None of our concerns have been adequately answered today. This clearly shows that the BBMP has not thought through this project and is going ahead without any study to understand if the flyover is required," said a citizen who participated in the meeting.

Where is the DPR?

The residents' group was also joined by mobility experts who opined that the proposed flyover, without a systemic Detailed Project Report (DPR), should not be allowed and the Palike must look at technology-based cost-effective alternatives, instead of

destroying heritage trees.

They argued that flyovers do not solve traffic congestion, rather they only shift the point of congestion.

"DPR for any project is prepared only after conducting a thorough alternative analysis. Unfortunately, this whole process has been missing in the current report of the Sankey Flyover plan.

Moreover, flyovers follow a vehicle-centric approach, and not a people-centric approach, which is opposite to the core principle of the National Urban Transport Policy (focus on moving people rather than vehicles).

These structures also do not account for network effects, and effects of transport on tailpipe emissions, energy requirement, environ-

"We citizens had to ourselves organise a meeting to discuss this project, as the government did not carry out a public consultation" — A citizen

mental and ecological impact, and equity," said Dr Ashish Verma, Sustainable Transport Lab, Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

'This won't solve traffic woes'

"It has today been demonstrated that the flyover will only increase traffic congestion at the Cauvery Theater, Malleshwaram 18th Cross and Mariamma junctions. BBMP officials have yet again failed to adequately answer our concerns. They seem adamant about going ahead with this project though the BMLTA has not approved it," said another citizen participant.

Dr Verma also presented an analysis of the proposed flyover and DPR prepared for the project, highlighting missing aspects of the report.

"Traffic growth forecast in the DPR prepared by BBMP is highly underestimated by assuming a growth rate of a meager 5%. Taking different basis such as the rate of increase of vehicle registration, rate of car ownership growth, actual traffic growth on corridors, etc., the actual traffic growth rate is anywhere between 12% to 27% in Bengaluru. Moreover, the impact analysis of proposed options on traffic congestion mitigation potential is completely missing in the DPR," said Dr Verma.

—BMB

Anganwadi workers plan to take protest to CM's door

The State Anganwadi Employees Association has given a 48 hours deadline to the ruling BJP government in Karnataka for fulfilling the demands of Anganwadi workers, failing which it has threatened to lay siege to the residence of Chief Minister in Bengaluru.

Thousands of Anganwadi (government pre-school) workers are staging a protest demanding gratuity and implementation of the Supreme Court guidelines. The protest is being staged in Bengaluru and completed eight days on Tuesday.

S. Varalakshmi, Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) President warned that "if Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai does not give orders fulfilling their (anganwadi workers') demands, anganwadi workers, who are staging protests would lay siege to the residence of Chief Minister Bommai". "The functioning of Anganwadi centres should be changed and elevated in order to ensure that every child in the state gets food and education. Gratuity should be given to Anganwadi workers. It has been eight days since the protest began. Minister for Women and Child Welfare Halappa Achar has not bothered to look into the issue. This ignorance is condemnable," she asserted.

The notice in this regard has been given to Minister Halappa on January 3. "However, the Minister Halappa and officers are not ready to come for talks," Varalakshmi stated. — IANS

'Follow rules, boost traffic cops' morale'

The 'Celebrating Namma Bengaluru's Traffic Police' event was held on Tuesday morning at the Bangalore Traffic Police Park and was attended by 50 students from several city schools and 50 traffic police constables along with M Abdulla Saleem, Additional Director General of Police and Special Commissioner of Police (Traffic). Saleem talked about the challenges faced by Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) in decongesting roads.

"City has grown enormously in recent years with more than 1 crore vehicles and it's expected to grow further in the near future. The work of the traffic police is a very difficult job despite which we stay committed to the service," he said. "The government is investing money in public transport and metro construction, and I believe this will be helpful in decongesting the roads. I hope people follow rules and make our task easier; doing this gesture boosts our morale and helps us work better," he added.

The event marked the culmination of a 3-month programme of traffic awareness sessions by Children's Movement for Civic Awareness volunteers. — Ahna Prakash

Metro mishap: HC gives BMRCL 2 weeks to respond

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday ordered issuing of notices to Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) and others in a public interest litigation taken on its own over the death of two persons due to the collapse of an under-construction metro pillar here. The BMRCL was given two weeks' time to respond to the court.

The state government, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the BMRCL chief engineer and Nagarjuna Construction Company Limited are the other respondents in the case.

The High Court had initiated the suo-moto (on its own) PIL on January 13 following the death of software engineer Tejaswini and her two-year-old son when the pillar pier collapsed on the two-wheeler they were travelling in, near Hennur main road in the city on January 10. The division bench of Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S Vishwajith Shetty heard the petition that the court had itself directed the Registrar General to initiate.

While initiating the PIL earlier this month, the High Court had said it was taking cognisance



File photo of traffic police controlling traffic near the site of the accident near Nagawara

of news reports about the incident. "These news items prompted us to take cognisance of the incident referred to wherein there is an unfortunate death of a lady and toddler son at the condition of roads, the issue raises concern and question for

the public at large."

Meanwhile, the BMRCL had suspended three engineers and issued notices to its contractor Nagarjuna Construction Company. The police had booked nine persons including officials of BMRCL.

Warning to initiate contempt proceedings against CS

The High Court on Tuesday warned that it would be forced to initiate contempt of court proceedings against the Chief Secretary if the State fails to implement its order of providing land for graveyards in all villages and towns within two weeks.

A Division Bench of the court is hearing a civil contempt petition filed by one Mohammed Iqbal who has alleged that the State has failed to follow an earlier order of the HC in 2019 that had directed it to provide land for graveyards in all villages within six weeks. In September 2022, the State had informed the HC in a compliance report that it had handed over 23,815 burial grounds to local authorities and the process of handing over 3,765 burial grounds was still pending. — PTI



People are exposed to numerous chemicals throughout their lifetimes. These chemicals can be from the air, foods, personal care items, household products and medications. Unfortunately, exposure to certain chemicals can cause harmful health effects, including cancer.

Substances that cause cancer are called carcinogens. Familiar examples include tobacco smoke, radon, asbestos and diesel engine exhaust.

To protect the health of the public, national and international health agencies evaluate many new and existing chemicals to determine if they are likely to be carcinogens in a process called cancer hazard identification.

If agencies judge the chemicals to be carcinogenic, they conduct further assessments to determine the level of risk, and legislators may put regulations in place to limit, or completely halt, the production and use of these chemicals.

I am a scientist who studies how the human body processes foreign chemicals, like environmental pollutants and drugs, and the effects of these chemicals on health. As part of my work, I have participated in chemical and cancer hazard identifications for several agencies, including the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer. Here's how chemicals can cause cancer, and how we classify chemicals based on how carcinogenic they are:

How do chemicals cause cancer?

The mechanisms behind how toxic chemicals can lead to cancer are complex. After a person is exposed to a carcinogen, the chemical is generally absorbed into the body and distributed into different tissues. Once the chemical has moved into the cells, it often undergoes chemical reactions that convert it into other forms.

The products of these reactions can directly or indirectly affect the cell's genes. Altering genes, which contain the cell's instructions on how to produce specific molecules, or the processes that regulate them can ultimately result in dysfunctional cells if the genetic damage isn't repaired. These cells don't respond normally to cellular signals and can grow and divide at abnormal rates, which are characteristic features of cancer cells.

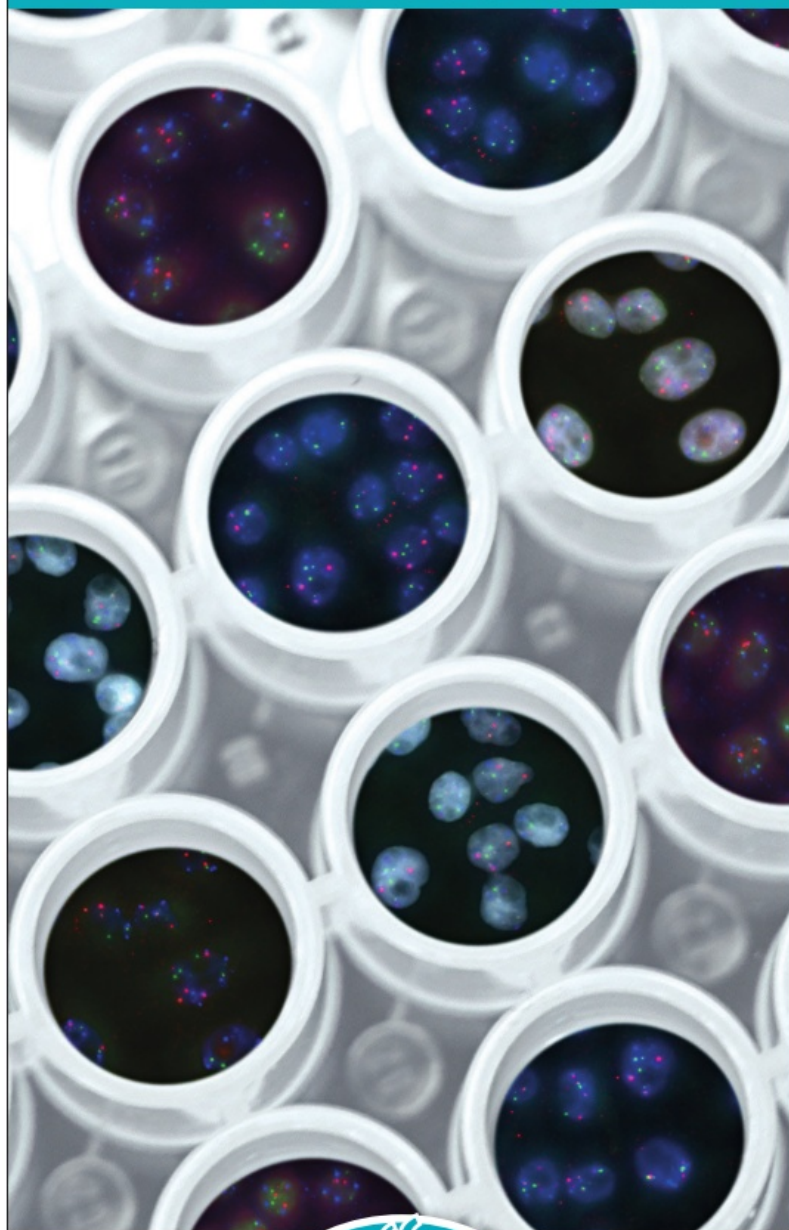
Classification of chemicals

To help safeguard the public and reduce the incidence of cancer, several agencies have developed procedures to classify and categorise chemicals based on their potential to be carcinogenic.

Among them are the International Agency for Research on Cancer, or IARC Monographs; the National Toxicology Program, or NTP; and the US Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA. In general, these agencies examine a critical question: How strong is the evidence that a substance causes cancer or biological changes that could be related to cancer in people? Understanding the procedures used to answer this question can

Does this cause cancer?

How scientists determine whether a chemical is carcinogenic – sometimes with controversial results



help with interpreting the decisions.

The procedures used by the IARC – because of its long history, credibility and strong international reputation – provide a good example of how this process works. It's designed to be transparent and minimize bias, spanning over a year from selecting a chemical for evaluation to its final classification.

In this process, the IARC selects and invites a panel of scientific experts on the chemical to be evaluated. The panel does not conduct new research on its own,

Agencies examine a critical question: How strong is the evidence that a substance causes cancer or biological changes that could be related to cancer in people?

but carefully reviews all available papers in the scientific literature on the chemical's carcinogenicity in cell and bacterial cultures, animals and people. To assess the strength of the evidence, the panel considers the number of studies and the consistency of the results, as well as the scientific quality and relevance of each study to cancer in people.

After deliberating on the results, the panel makes a final consensus classification. This classification places the chemical into one of four groups: Group 1 indicates that the chemical is carcinogenic to

people, Group 2A that it is probably carcinogenic to people, Group 2B that it is possibly carcinogenic, and Group 3 that it is not classifiable.

A Group 3 classification does not indicate that the compound is not carcinogenic, but rather that the panel could not draw a conclusion about whether there is a causal link between the chemical and cancer from available studies. For example, exposure to several chemicals can make it unclear which ones are responsible for a later cancer diagnosis.

During its 50-year history, the IARC has evaluated and classified over 1,000 chemicals and other hazards. Many of these classifications have had broad societal implications, such as those for tobacco smoke, ambient air pollution, diesel engine exhaust and processed meat.

All were classified as Group 1, or confirmed to be carcinogenic to humans. Electromagnetic radiation emitted by mobile phones was classified as Group 2B, or possibly carcinogenic, and red meat was classified as Group 2A, or probably carcinogenic.

Though they haven't directly led to any regulations, these classifications have motivated additional scientific studies. While the IARC can advise regulators, it's up to countries to implement policies.

Classifications do not indicate the size of the risk but are important in supporting health agencies worldwide as they implement actions to limit exposures to known, probable and possible carcinogens. In 2020, when the IARC classified opium consumption as Group 1, or carcinogenic to humans, this led the government of Iran to implement policies to reduce opium addiction in the country.

Controversies

Though classifications from the IARC are based on robust scientific evidence, some have proved to be controversial. For instance, in 2015, the IARC evaluated the carcinogenicity of glyphosate, a widely used weedkiller found in products like Roundup, which is produced by Monsanto. A panel of 17 experts from 11 countries systematically reviewed results from over 1,000 scientific studies and classified glyphosate as "probably carcinogenic to humans," or Group 2A.

Owing to its widespread usage and multibillion-dollar market value, a cancer classification decision for glyphosate has significant potential financial and legal consequences. Following its evaluation, the IARC received support from many regulatory and scientific bodies but was criticised by others. Other agencies, including the EPA, have seen similar controversies and politicisation of their hazard identifications and regulatory decisions.

Agencies like the IARC play a critical role in evaluating the health effects of certain chemicals and in reducing exposure to potential carcinogens. Helping people better understand how these agencies work can go a long way to ensure transparency and help protect environmental and public health.

(By Brad Reisfeld, Colorado State University, The Conversation)

MIND, BODY & HEART



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm at a crossroads in my marriage and would love some advice. I want to pull the plug on it and walk away, but we have two kids, who I know will be devastated if we split up. My husband and I have been together for eight years and married for four, and our kids are seven and five. He's a really good father, but a hopeless partner and I don't want to be with him for the rest of my life. When we had our second child, things went downhill and now I can barely stand to be in the same room as him. He's got really dodgy opinions on things and I find myself disagreeing with him on everything. He's not romantic and never thinks about doing anything nice for me. We haven't had sex in some time. I know it's right to move on from him, but I'm so worried about my kids having divorced parents. What's your advice?

COLEEN SAYS

You can't stay together for the children. It's not a happy or healthy environment to bring them up in and it's far better to have two happy but separated parents, than parents who are constantly at war or just ignoring each other. It might not feel like it now, but it is possible to still be good parents if you decide together that you'll do everything in your power to put them first. Some counselling sessions – if your husband would agree to them – might be a good idea. First, though, you have to talk to him and be honest about how you feel and what you want. He might be feeling the same thing. I'd be lying if I said separation and divorce is easy, it's not. It'll be stressful and upsetting at times, which is why it's so important to get support from family and friends. But you can come out the other side and choose to keep your kids your priority as you move forward.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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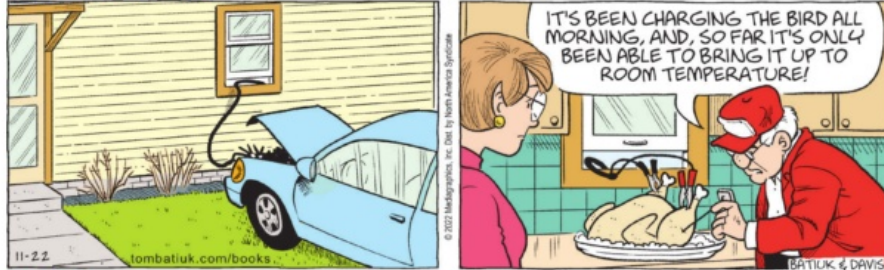
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Today you may be busy at work. Your network may expand, and with the help of this, you are likely to get a big order in terms of work. You are likely to start innovations in partnerships. You may get some investments in your business, which will boost it in the near future. Your emotional relationship with your spouse will be improved.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be enthusiastic. You may be more focused, which may speed up your postponed projects. Your subordinates may help you start a new project, which may give you profits in the near future. You can expect some short trips related to family issues. Job seekers may hear good news in terms of work.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22

Today blessings from elders can make you happy and your investments may give you profits. Losses are converted into profits now. Your savings may boost your bank balance. You may plan to invest in your kid's future. You may also enjoy some delicious food at home. Your problems related to throat, teeth, ears, or nose may be resolved now.

A red circular icon featuring a white silhouette of a centaur archer, representing the Sagittarius zodiac sign.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20 

Today you may find yourself in a self-analysis state, which will bring some confidence in you. Your focus towards your goal is now clear. You may easily achieve your goals. Your creativity might improve and you will take an interest in artefacts, movies, glamour, and real-life objects. At the end of the day, you may feel some satisfaction in your life. Our opponents are likely to be under control now.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be busy with family issues. You can take some important decisions on the domestic front. You should avoid making arguments in your personal life. Your arrogance may affect domestic harmony. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in business.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20

Today you are blessed by Jupiter. Your patience becomes good. Your work may be very good. Your parent's health is good now. You are likely to spend your time with elders. You may also meet some influential person who will help you on the professional front. You may also enjoy romantic moments which may increase harmony in your domestic life.

A stylized illustration of a goat or ram, the symbol of the Capricorn zodiac sign, facing left. It has a brown body, a long curved horn, and a small tuft of hair on its head.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are likely to use your creativity to renovate your house or office. Your focus towards your goals may be good. Overworking may tire your mind, which can create anxiety, restlessness, and stress, which may affect your domestic life. Students are advised to avoid fantasy in their studies. They are advised to study with focus and dedication.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22

Today your inner strength may help you start some new innovations on the work front. You are likely to get a big order in your parental business, which will grow in the near future. New responsibilities in your job can make you busy. Jobseekers may get a good job. Understanding with your spouse may be improved, which can maintain harmony in your family life.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19
Today you may be spiritual. You may help needy people around you. You also plan to donate some amount to charity. Your good karma may help you get success in tough projects. You may feel some divine power around you which may help you with unpredictable situations. You may be attracted to the occult. Students are likely to enjoy studying in-depth.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23

Today you may be dissatisfied. People around you may not cooperate with you. You are advised to keep patience. You are also advised to read documents carefully before signing any contracts. Making new investments in useless things may create a bottleneck for you. Students are advised to read their subjects with patience.

A stylized illustration of a red crab, representing the Cancer zodiac sign. The crab is facing left, with its legs and claws visible. It has a blue and red patterned shell.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22

Today you may feel dull. Your health may not be good. You may be nervous. You may also have anxiety and restlessness. You are advised to postpone important investments in business or real estate. You are advised to avoid rash driving. You should avoid long distance travel. You are advised to do some meditation. It will be helpful with controlling messy situations.

A blue silhouette of a scorpion, the zodiac sign for Scorpio, positioned to the right of the text.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

Today you may feel dull and may be a victim of hidden fear. This can make you scared. You are not in a situation to trust anyone. It is advised to meditate and chant prayers. This may help you come out of this hypothetical situation. With the help of elders, around late evening, you may come out of this messy situation.

A circular icon representing the Pisces zodiac sign, featuring two red fish swimming in opposite directions within a blue circle.

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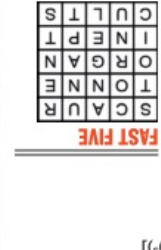
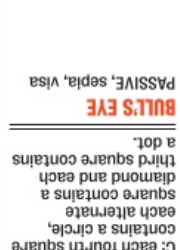
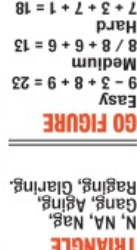
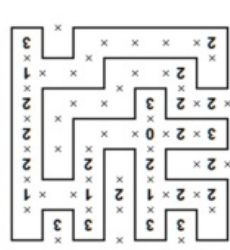
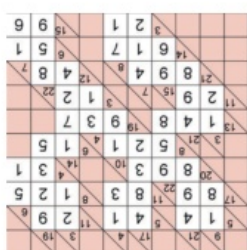
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Do not expect the world to look bright, if you habitually wear gray-brown glasses.



SLOW & STEADY

...Wins the race? Let's hear what Ananya has to say

It's been over four years that Ananya Panday has been working in showbiz. Ever since she arrived, she has been a part of films of varied genres. From making a debut with a typical Bollywood entertainer like Student of the Year 2, to doing a romantic drama Gehraiyaan and a bilingual sports action film Liger, the actress got to explore various genres ever since she began.

Ask her how she feels that she got to do so much in such a short span of time and she shares, "In fact, on the contrary, I feel I am going too slow." The actress feels that the pandemic ate up her initial years where she could grow as an actor. She elaborates saying, "During covid we all lost two years. We couldn't work. Maybe if those two years of covid won't be there then there would have been more work for some of us." She concludes saying, "Maybe it is the right pace and I can go even faster than this."

This year, Ananya will be joined by her childhood friends Suhana Khan and Shanaya Kapoor who are making a debut in Bollywood. Sharing her excitement, Ananya had told BT, "They are working with rock solid people who are there to guide them and give them that advice on how to go forward. Shanaya is working with Karan Johar and Suhana is working with Zoya Akhtar so it's just so exciting I am really looking forward to their debuts!"

—Onkar Kulkarni, ETimes

For the love of music

Music director Pradyo- than is making headlines in Sandalwood. Pradyo- than, a high school dropout, debuted as a music director in Tollywood with the Telugu movie Ice Cream directed by Ram Gopal Varma.



"I dropped out of school because of my passion towards music. I am the son of music director Arjun. I got the 8th grade in a piano test conducted by Trinity College of Music, London. I became a keyboard player at the 11 years," says Pradyo- than. Pradyo- than debuted in Sandalwood with Devarantha Manushya. He said he was very lucky to get late Power Star Puneeth Rajkumar to sing a song for Gajanana and Gang. "I can never forget Puneeth Rajku- mar's cooperation. He appreciated my music and wished me luck," he said. Real Star Upendra has sung the title song for Nata Bhay- ankara in which Pratham plays the lead role. "I thank Upendra sir for singing for Nata Bhayankara that is scheduled for release on February 3," he said.

The big reveal

Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas turned parents to Malti Marie Chopra Jonas through surrogacy on January 15, 2022. After keeping their daughter away from the limelight for over a year, Malti finally made her debut on the internet on Tuesday!

Malti Marie Chopra Jonas' face was revealed after a video of her attending Jonas Brothers' event where they received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame was shared online. Malti looked adorable dressed in an ivory tweed suit, white onesie and a matching hair band. The toddler received a shoutout from dad Nick while he took over the mic at the event.. —ETimes



'Destiny works in mysterious ways'

Multi-lingual star Raashii Khanna has shared how she bagged her part in the Raj and DK show 'Farzi' starring Shahid Kapoor and Vijay Sethupati.

Raashii signed 'Farzi' before her digital debut release 'Rudra: The Edge of Darkness', but also her audition for the Shahid Kapoor-Vijay Sethupati co-star- rer show was filmed years ago.

She said: "'Farzi' came to me based on an audition I did for Mukesh Chhabra's casting agency a few years back. It wasn't particularly for any project, however, it lead me to 'Farzi'."

"Apparently, Raj and DK saw the audition tape and had also seen clippings of my work in a few South Indian films, and visualised Megha in me. I guess destiny works in mysterious ways." Raashii also has Dharma Productions' 'Yodha' alongside Sidharth Malhotra in July.



What a title!



Shevaraj and Poovai Suresh are all set to make their debut as directors in Sandalwood. Their movie is titled 4.30-6.30 muhurat and four people are missing. They plan to get the movie on the floors on February 10 and shooting is likely to take place in Mandya, Channapatna, Mangaluru. Srirangapatna and surrounding areas.

"The movie is a comedy based on real life incidents that took place in 1990. All the artistes (around 12) are the heroes and heroines in this movie," said Shevaraj, one of the directors.

Shevaraj said that Poovai Suresh and he wanted to work like how the veteran director duo Doari- Bhagavan worked in Sandalwood. "The story of the movie is about incidents at a marriage hall. During the 1990s, marriage functions are known to have facilities like play- ing cards and special arrangements for boozing. The movie also show- cases how parents and relatives of bride and bridegroom quarrel over petty issues," said Shevaraj.

The movie's muhurat function was held at Renukamba Preview Theater on January 26. D Yogaraj, in association with Mahendran, an industrialist from Hosur, is bank- rolling this movie.